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## **RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated October 14, 2008. Attached are claim amendments, specification amendments, one drawing Replacement Sheet, a certified English translation of the priority document and remarks each starting on a separate page.